

provide Internet services to a customer through a service provider on behalf of a
retain vendor;

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receive information about a customer's preferences; and
provide advertising based on the customer's preferences.

Please cancel claim 17.

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

21 (Amended). A system comprising:
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a processor;
a storage coupled to said processor, said storage storing instructions that enable
the processor to obtain Internet services through a service provider on behalf of a retail vendor;
and
receive information about preferences and provide advertising based on the
customer's preferences.

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

6 (Amended). The method of claim 1 including enabling said service provider to control
the software and hardware added to a processor-based system used by the customer to access the
Internet services

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

8 (Amended). The method of claim 1 including receiving information about the
customer's preferences on a processor-based system coupled to said service provider over the
Internet, forwarding said customer preferences to said service provider, causing said service
provider to customize the content provided to the customer based on said information and
forwarding said customized content to said processor-based system.